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1. The National Bulgarian Airplane Manufacturing Plant, known as "Bojurishte", is located approximately 13 kilometers east of Sofia on the south side of the main highway. Adjacent to this factory is the Sofia Civil Airport. The airplane plant consists of five small buildings -- four of which are one story high, and the other, two stories high with a basement. The buildings are constructed of brick and concrete and have hangar-type roofs. There is also a small woodworking shop on the premises where wooden parts for aircraft are manufactured.

Until 1945 this plant, employing about 300 persons, produced only small aircraft parts and its main purpose was to make repairs on airplanes and airplane parts. The usual machine-shop type of machinery, mostly of German origin, was used in the machine shop.

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Due to the location of the plant it probably has not been enlarged, for any military production would be at the Yambol Airplane Factory, about 150 miles from Plovdiv, which took over the manufacture of military aircraft parts.

Yambol is now the prime producer of airplane parts for military aircraft in Bulgaria.

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2. The village of Nasalewzi, a typical farming community, is located on the Yugoslavian border five miles north of Strezimirovci. It has a population of about 900 or 1,000 persons. The largest building is a new, eight-room, two-story school house. the school has been taken over by the Bulgarian border guard who are using it for their headquarters.) All the other buildings in the village are farm houses constructed of wood and brick. None of the streets is paved and they are hardly wide enough for a

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horse and cart to travel. The water supply for the village comes chiefly from streams which emanate from the Yugoslavian mountains. A few wells are also used. Frequently the Yugoslavs would dam up the streams and cut off the water supply to the village. The villagers would then have to climb into the mountains to clear the streams or employ other methods to maintain the flow of water. 50X1-HUM

Approximately one-half mile west of Nasalewzi is a very heavy forest extending to the Yugoslavian border. For many years this was one of the favorite areas used by the Bulgarians in escaping to Yugoslavia. 50X1-HUM

although a company of Bulgarian border guards are now located in the village, it is difficult for them to control escape routes through the heavy forest into the steep Yugoslavian mountains.

the entire village, and a 30-mile zone surrounding it, has been placed under strict border guard control. Villagers are not allowed to enter or leave this area without special passes obtained from the commandant of the border guard. The steep mountains in the vicinity of Nasalewzi are known to contain many Yugoslavian troops who are friendly to the Bulgarian villagers. They occasionally exchange wines and other commodities with them. this practice is difficult to control and is still being carried on. 50X1-HUM
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